

# *Family Liaison Office*

## *Direct Communication Project*

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### **Education Information Resources in the Department of State**

Offices that serve as education resources for Foreign Service families are the Family Liaison Office, the Office of Overseas Schools, the Overseas Briefing Center, the Employee Consultation Service, the Office of Allowances, and the American Foreign Service Association (for scholarships).

#### ***FAMILY LIAISON OFFICE (M/DGP/FLO)***

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Washington, DC 20520-7512  
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FLO's Education and Youth Officer gives information and counsel to families and Community Liaison Office Coordinators on education options at posts overseas, U.S. boarding schools, international day and boarding schools, Washington area public and private schools, correspondence courses (K - adult), the college admissions process, financial aid, standardized educational testing, children with special educational needs, and summer programs. Working with the Overseas Briefing Center and the Office of Overseas Schools, FLO's Education Officer presents seminars on educating the Foreign Service child. She also works with Around the World in A Lifetime (AWAL), the Foreign Service teen group.

*Education Options for Foreign Service Family Members*, published by FLO, contains information on all stages of education from birth through adult learning, in the Washington area and abroad.

#### ***OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS (A/OPR/OS)***

[http://www.state.gov/www/about\\_state/schools/](http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/)

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Families are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the appropriate Regional Education Officer to discuss schools at post.

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A/OPR/OS publishes a fact sheet on each State Department-assisted school abroad. It also houses a resource center, with school catalogs, videotapes, and a microfiche and hard copies of the *Summary School Information* describing courses, special programs, extra-curricular activities, and graduation requirements at schools abroad normally attended by U.S. government dependents. The CD-ROM packet is updated annually and sent to all posts in the fall. In Washington the CD ROM can be viewed at:

Department of State:  
A/OPR/OS, FLO, and FS Lounge  
Agency for International Development:  
SA - 1, Rooms 1108A, 1117  
U.S. Information Agency:  
FS Lounge, Room M-05

***EMPLOYEE CONSULTATION SERVICE***  
***(M/MED/ECS)***

L127 at Columbia Plaza and  
Room 5914 at Main State  
Washington, DC 20520-2256  
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Director: Anne Weiss, L.C.S.W.

The Employee Consultation Service has three staff psychiatric social workers, Anne Weiss, Anne Reese, and Flora Bryant. They offer consultation, evaluation, and referral services to families of U.S. government employees assigned to diplomatic posts abroad who have school-aged children with learning disabilities, emotional disabilities, or other handicaps. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may schedule an appointment.

***AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE***  
***ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM***

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Washington, DC 20037  
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Fax: 202-338-6820  
Scholarship Coordinator: Lori Dec

The Association of American Foreign Service Women (AAFSW) and the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) provide merit-based scholarships to high school seniors for their freshman year in college. AFSA also provides need-based financial aid for undergraduates. **Application deadline is February 15.**

***OVERSEAS BRIEFING CENTER***  
***(M/FSI/OBC)***

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4000 Arlington Blvd  
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Arlington, VA 22204  
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Director: Ray Leki  
Information Center Coordinator: Pat Telkins

OBC keeps files on post schools including handbooks, newsletters, personal comments, and publications. They have slides or videotapes for some schools. No appointment is necessary.

***OFFICE OF ALLOWANCES***  
***(A/OPR/ALS)***

[http://state.gov/www/perdiems/allowances\\_index.html](http://state.gov/www/perdiems/allowances_index.html)

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The Education Allowance Officer answers questions on schooling allowances, current special education and supplemental education allowances, and eligibility requirements. Most questions can be answered by telephone rather than an appointment.